trouble cut it down, if, after I had hewn it outside Into the proper shape of a boat, and burnt or cut out the inside to make It hollow— if, after all this, I must leave it where I formed It and was not able to launch It into the water ?

My thoughts were so Intent upon my voyage over the sea In it, that I never once considered how I should get it off the land; and I went to work upon this boat the most like a fool that ever man did who had any of his senses awake. I felled a cedar tree: It was five feet ten inches diameter at the lower part next the stump, and four feet eleven inches diameter at the end of twenty~two feet. It was not without Infinite labour that I felled this tree. I was twenty days hacking and hewing at It at the bottom; I was four- teen more getting the branches and limbs, and the vast spreading head of it cut off. After this It took me a month to shape It to something like the bottom of a boat. It cost me near three months more to clear the inside,

so as to make an exact boat of it. This I did without fire, by mere mallet and chisel, and by dint of hard labour, till I had brought It to be a very handsome canoe, big enough to have carried six-and-twenty men.